

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
Mailing to Parents/Guardians
March 11, 2009

From the Office of the Principal
John R. Novak

Spring Musical – Thursday, Friday & Saturday, March 26, 27 & 28

Director Jane Harmon and the MHS Footlighters are proud to present the 2009 Spring Musical, *Urinetown the Musical*, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, March 26, 27 and 28. The curtain will go up at 7:30 p.m. each night in the newly renovated Ina Schlein Auditorium. *Urinetown the Musical*, winner of the 2002 Tony Awards for best book and score, is one of the most uproariously funny musicals in recent years. It is a hilarious tale of greed, corruption, love, and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold. The play is rated PG for some adult humor and references. Tickets are available in the High School during the day (\$7 prior to opening night) or at the door on the night of each performance (\$10). Tickets for children under 12 and senior citizens are \$7. Treat yourself and your family to a special night at the theater.

End of Third Marking Cycle – Friday, April 3

Be advised that the third marking cycle will end on Friday, April 3. Report cards will be mailed home on or about April 13.

Snow Day Make-up – Monday, April 13

Please note that April 13 (Monday) is now a regular school day due to the use of the snow day on March 2.

Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony/Arts Festival – Thursday, April 16

The Metuchen Chapter of the National Art Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Following the ceremony, the Art Department will sponsor an Arts Festival in the cafeteria until 9:00 p.m. All parents and students are invited to attend.

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Middle States Visitation – Monday April 20 – Thursday, April 23

Please be aware that the Middle States Validation Team will conduct its on-site evaluation of MHS from Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23. The High School staff eagerly anticipates the visit, which will be the culmination of a self-study that has taken nearly two years.

Summer Programs for High School Students

All parents are informed that the Guidance Department has a file box that contains a myriad of summer opportunities for high school students. Too numerous to list, the programs include workshops, institutes, internships, pre-college enrichment, and career exploration among others. All academic subjects, music/art, theater/dance, gifted and talented, computers, and travel are some of the many areas available. If you are interested, please contact the Guidance Department and ask about this file. Counselors are available for advice or assistance. Also, please review the enclosed registration form for the summer program, “SAT Prep,” which is being offered by the MHS Guidance Department.

Reminder #1 – There will be a Middle States early dismissal (1:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, March 18. This is the last early dismissal for Middle States.

Reminder #2 – The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23 (snow day make-up). It will take place in the MHS Library and start at 7:30 p.m. English teacher and Virtual High School Coordinator Scott Gallagher will be the guest speaker. He will provide a brief overview of the VHS program.

Reminder #3 – A nomination form for the Superintendent’s Teacher Recognition Program is attached. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 25.

Reminder #4 – The “Know Your Liability” workshop for parents and students is scheduled on Monday, March 30. See the attached information sheet.

Reminder #5 – The Superintendent’s Forum “Good to Great: What Does It Mean for Metuchen Public Schools?” follow-up meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, in the High School cafeteria and start at 7:30 p.m.